

north of Spokane. The U.S. 395 North Spokane Corridor will move freight and other traffic off of existing congested surface streets. The completed facility will accommodate the current and growing freight traffic that annually goes through Spokane.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface and Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port of Walla Walla

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 A Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Description of Request: Provide \$400,000 for the U.S. Highway 12 Burbank to Walla Walla Phase 7 Project. This project phase is the fifth of seven construction phases on corridor improvement that will upgrade the U.S. 12 corridor. Expanding U.S. 12 from two lanes to a four-lane, divided highway is critical for improving safety, fostering economic development throughout southeast Washington and addressing growing congestion.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Alternatives Analysis account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons, Suite 120; Houston, TX 77027

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to the Houston Galveston Area Council to conduct a regional transportation study to develop a blueprint to address the region's long-term transportation needs. The results of the study will indicate that significant transportation improvements will be needed in several parts of the city, including the Texas Medical Center due to the unprecedented growth that is anticipated. Demands for cost-effective and environmentally-friendly mobility solutions are increasing. The Houston Galveston Area Council will use this funding to identify targeted mobility improvements for developing an efficient and functional multimodal transportation system in the Texas Medical Center. This planning is essential to keep Houston and the Texas Medical Center moving forward.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Bus and bus facilities account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO, 1990 Main Street; Houston, TX 77028

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,420,000 to Houston METRO to replace and expand its bus service. Houston METRO maintains one of the best public bus systems in the country. According to Federal guidelines, buses should be replaced every 12 years. This request will provide funding to continue expansion of the Park & Ride system throughout the Houston area and be used to purchase replacement buses for the METRO fleet. METRO has about 1,200 buses and has developed an annual replacement schedule that replaces 100 buses per year.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, New starts/ fixed guideway account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO, 1990 Main Street; Houston, TX 77028

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$75,000,000 to Houston METRO to build the North and Southeast light rail lines approved by voters. In 2003, the voters of Houston approved the METRO Solutions plan that includes buses, light rail, and commuter rail. This request will continue to help fund the final design, land acquisition, and construction for the first segments on the North Corridor and Southeast Corridor Projects only. Additionally, this funding will also help begin the planning work for commuter rail segments.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: City of Round Rock, Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 East Main St, Round Rock, TX 78664

Description: \$750,000 in funding for FM 1460 Roadway Improvements from the FHWA TCSP account. This project will provide for the widening of FM 1460 (North A.W. Grimes Boulevard) from north of Old Settlers Boulevard to north of University Boulevard. The project will reconstruct the existing two lane minor arterial roadway to a four lane divided major arterial roadway using current best practices in roadway design and including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in accordance with Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) policy.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: City of Belton, TX  
Address of Requesting Entity: 333 Water St, Belton, TX 76513

Description: \$750,000 in funding for the City of Belton's Ninth Avenue Extension and Overpass Construction. During rush hours, this main commercial artery experiences congestion that limits commerce and delivery of county services in Belton. Belton, Texas, will extend West 9th Avenue and construct an overpass, spanning Nolan Creek, which will alleviate current Main Street congestion. This project, which appears on the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will construct a 1,500 feet extension of 9th Avenue to include 36' pavement, an overpass structure, pedestrian safety mechanisms and wastewater infrastructure.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Round Rock, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 East Main St, Round Rock, TX 78664

Description: \$500,000 in funding for the Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Improvements in Round Rock, Texas. This project will provide infrastructure improvements on Main Street from IH 35 to San Saba Street including street, utility and sidewalk improvements. Construction of a new bridge across Lake Creek is also included in the scope of the project. In the 2001 General Obligation Bond election, Round Rock residents made a commitment to providing financing for projects that would foster downtown development. Federal funding will be necessary to support engineering, utility relocation and design and construction activities related to this project. The total project cost is \$3.3 million. A preliminary budget breakdown is as follows: Engineering—\$425,000; Utilities—\$250,000; Design and Construction—\$2,625,000

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Neighborhood Initiatives

Requesting entity: City of Harker Heights, Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 305 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights, TX 76548

Description: \$750,000 in funding from the HUD EDI account for the City of Harker Heights for the construction a full Armed Services YMCA recreation center on City property. In addition, it would provide recreation and rehabilitation opportunities to the citizens of Harker Heights and to Armed Services personnel both retired and active. Engineering, surveying and inspection will cost approximately \$700,000. Construction costs will be an approximate \$6.3 million.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Requesting entity: Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2910 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

Description: \$1,250,000 in funding for the Capital Metro Transportation Authority of the

purchase of para-transit vehicles from the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities account to assist with the replacement of vehicles in our accessible fleet. This funding will allow Capital Metro to service persons with disabilities and allow continued door to door service to allow disabled persons access to mass transit.

RECOGNIZING THE OHIO STATE  
UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Ohio State University Medical Center. OSU Medical Center has been listed among U.S. News and World Report's list of "Honor Roll" hospitals.

Praised for their quality care and performance, OSU Medical Center is among only 21 hospitals in the country named to this elite list. This is the 17th consecutive year that OSU Medical Center has been considered one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report.

The Ohio State University Medical Center is one of the largest and most diverse academic medical centers in the country. OSUMC has been recognized for more than six specialties including the Ross Heart Hospital, which ranked 37 among 4,861 hospitals and the James Cancer Hospital, which ranked 18th for cancer treatment. In addition, the list also includes ear, nose and throat, diabetes and endocrinology, gynecology, kidney disease, orthopedics, respiratory disorders, rehabilitation and urology.

This success is a direct reflection of the staff and faculty at the Ohio State University Medical Center. All are credited for helping to make the OSU Medical Center a leader in medicine in creating a future that will improve people's lives. Their education, research, and dedication to personalized care for every patient is truly commendable.

I offer my congratulations to the entire OSU Medical Center community for the hospital's excellence in care and the honor of ranking as one of America's Best Hospitals in 2009 and 2010.

FRANK MELVILLE SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support for H.R. 1675, the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Act. I commend Representatives CHRISTOPHER MURPHY (CT) and JUDY BIGGERT (IL) for introducing this bill and I also thank my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee for passing this bill and bringing it to the floor this week.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, this legislation makes several important changes to the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. This bill is strongly sup-

ported by a wide array of disability advocacy groups, in particular the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a group of 100 national disability organizations which includes The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy, the National Disability Rights Network, the American Network of Community Options and Resources, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Easter Seals, United Spinal Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Brain Injury Association.

John Chafee—the late Senator from Rhode Island and a true champion for disabled Americans—always made it clear that "your abilities, not your disabilities, will determine your future." As a recipient of the John Chafee Leadership in Public Policy Award in 2002, I am always mindful of his vision.

I have long advocated for public housing programs, particularly for those that would benefit those with disabilities. Disabled Americans, like all Americans, deserve equal access to fundamental resources such as housing. In particular, I worked to ensure that vouchers were not lost when disabled people moved.

An estimated 50,000 non-elderly, disabled vouchers were funded by Congress between FY 1997 and FY 2001. Funding for these vouchers is estimated at \$250–\$275 million annually. Approximately 400 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) administer these vouchers.

These incremental vouchers for non-elderly, disabled individuals and families were intended to replace housing for non-elderly people with disabilities lost as a result of the "elderly only" designation of public and assisted housing since 1993.

The CCD Housing Task Force estimated that the loss due to this designation has approached 500,000 units since 1992, including 100,000 public housing units and 400,000 assisted housing units.

To correct HUD's misinterpretation of Congressional intent, the House of Representatives has gone on the record on numerous occasions since 2000. Congress has clarified the policy that "turnover" vouchers should continue to be provided to certain people with disabilities as provided by Congress.

Language was included both in advisory reports for appropriations bills, and following continued inaction by HUD, actual bill language that was included in Conference reports signed by the President.

It was not until February 2005 that HUD issued guidance to PHAs detailing their ongoing obligation to ensure that these vouchers remain targeted upon turnover to the disabled population Congress intended.

Therefore, we've been fortunate to finally make "real" progress for disabled Americans. Through efforts in Congress, including my work on the House Appropriations Committee, each of the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bills included \$30 million for new incremental vouchers to be specifically targeted towards disabled and homeless veteran populations.

This will insure that existing vouchers for those populations are not rolled over into "mainstream" voucher programs that primarily benefit older Americans.

This legislation greatly reforms the Section 811 program, including new programs to remove outdated regulatory barriers and better track the status of vouchers that are currently in use. By doing so, this bill greatly expands on recent progress that the Congress has

made with regard to our nation's housing programs.

Again, Mr. Speaker, similar legislation was unanimously passed by the House under Suspension of the Rules in September 2008 and I am happy to see that the current Congress has made it a priority to see this legislation become law.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. At 4:18 Eastern time on the afternoon of July 20, 1969, the Lunar Module appropriately named "Eagle" touched down on the Moon at Tranquility Base.

A few hours later, just before 11 p.m., Neil Armstrong descended from Eagle's ladder and set foot on the lunar surface.

Days before, on July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off into an uncertain future. In the end, the mission gave us a monumental moment in the history of exploration and cemented America's place as a leader in science and technology.

Since then, the men and women of our space program have experienced triumphs and tragedies—all the while inspiring our younger generation to explore what lies beyond the next horizon.

I have been honored to meet some of the individuals involved with the Apollo 11 mission, and I hope to see their legacy continued.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$100,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Small Business Administration  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology (FIT).

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology, 150 West University Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 32901.

Description of Request: This funding is will be used at FIT's ABTA Institute to continue collecting data and creating a database to publish standards and tables of government activities so that comparisons can be made between different providers of services to find